

IN THE SPECIFICATION

Please amend the paragraph beginning at page 51, line 7 (to page 52, line 8) as follows:

-- Furthermore, in order to develop a technique for efficiently removing the cyclic dimer from a PTT resin by volatilization, the present inventors have isolated and purified the cyclic dimer, and evaluated the vapor pressure of the purified cyclic dimer at high temperatures under reduced pressure. As a result, the present inventors have succeeded in developing a method for stably producing, on a commercial scale, a PTT resin which has a low cyclic dimer content and is capable of suppressing the formation of the cyclic dimer even during the melt molding and, hence, can be advantageously used as a raw material for producing a high quality shaped article which is suitable for coating with a coating composition or adhesive agent and exhibits excellent adhesion property. Conventionally, it has been considered that a PTT resin having a low cyclic dimer content cannot be obtained by only the melt polymerization process due to the above-mentioned ring-linear chain equilibrium. However, by the above-mentioned method developed by the present inventors, it has become possible to produce the above-mentioned excellent PTT resin (which has a low cyclic dimer content and is capable of suppressing the

formation of the cyclic dimer during the ~~weld~~melt molding)
even when the polymerization for producing a PTT resin is per-
formed by only the melt polymerization process (without using
the solid-phase polymerization process).--